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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated May 17, 1999, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 11, line 19, change "13" to --13'--.

Page 11, line 20, after "outlet 14" insert #and shown schematically at 35 in

FIGURE 2 -.

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claims 12 and 17 as follows:

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12. (Amended) A method of refurbishing a star feeder in a pulp mill, the star feeder having a cylindrical housing with an inlet and outlet, a pocketed rotor disposed within the housing and having a clearance with respect thereto, and rotatable about an

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